

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 remain in this application and were previously indicated as allowable in a Notice of Allowance of November 19, 2008. Claims 1 and 17 have been amended to recite "a first inner terminal . . . contacting the inner surface of the insulating tube." Support for amended claims 1 and 17 can be found in Applicant's original disclosure, FIGS. 1 and 3 and related description.


Based upon the above amendments, remarks, and papers of records, applicant believes the pending claims of the above-captioned application are in allowable form and patentable over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Should applicant be in error, applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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Respectfully submitted,

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